



**MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN**  
**Wednesday, November 6, 2013**  
**Council Chambers – Town Hall**  
**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Sara Anderson, Chelsea Burns, Terry Cook, Lisa Dahn, Susan Daley, Sarah Delia (staff), Jordana Frost (EHHD), Jane Goldman, Cindy Guerreri, Kathleen Krider (staff), Rachel Leclerc, Mary Jane Newman, Brett Reynolds (staff), Pat Schneider, Esther Soffer-Roberts, Jillene Woodmansee and Lisa Young

**Regrets** Katherine Johansen, Mark LaPlaca, Judy Stoughton

**Guests:** Lisa Bovee, Jill Coghlan, Jeff Smithson, Linda Williams, Kelly Zimmerman

<b>WHAT</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
CALL TO ORDER	T. Cook called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.	
CONSENT AGENDA	Approval of the Minutes of October 2, 2013 meeting.	<i>The October 2, 2013 Minutes were approved without changes.</i>
TEAM UPDATES	<p><b>Staff Reports:</b> Kathleen Krider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EHHD is moving us ahead.</li> <li>• School Readiness is continuing forward</li> <li>• ECS is planning a workshop on the Power of Play with the help of Jeff Smithson. This workshop would consist of three clientele; Early Childhood Providers, parents and children.</li> <li>• As mentioned at the October meeting, Scorecard is a computer program that tracks data, runs reports and figures accountability. Delany Turner is working on populating the Scorecard with our data.</li> <li>• The Unmet Needs Survey is due December 16. Providers are working on it.</li> <li>• The Office of Early Childhood is in place. The Director is Myra Taylor-Jones. There is a possible RFP in the works concerning safety, surveillance, upgrades to technology, roofs and boilers.</li> </ul> <p><i>Introduced Pat Schneider, the new Director of Human Services.</i></p> <p><b>Playground Committee:</b> Sara Anderson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are flyers available for the Playground Committee meeting on Thursday, Nov. 14.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a possible \$10,000 donation in the works.</li> <li>• The Bulk Mailing will be ready to go out soon. The Committee needs to find a location to stuff the envelopes.</li> <li>• The location of the Playground will be behind the Mansfield Community Center. The build date of the Playground is being determined.</li> </ul> <p><b>Fit by Fourth:</b> Linda Williams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linda Williams reported that Ande Bloom had made up the term “Fit by Fourth”</li> <li>• There is a possibility that members may support another program instead, the “Let’s Move” Campaign, sponsored by Michelle Obama.</li> <li>• The “Let’s Move” campaign has a lot of resources to help early childhood providers as well as families.</li> <li>• MAC should look at the Physical Education curriculum in the three elementary schools. Benchmarks in the schools may be the same as what we are looking for, just worded differently.</li> <li>• “Let’s Move” curriculum contains training for Home Care Providers.</li> <li>• Do we have data on family involvement with their child’s physical education?</li> </ul>	<p><i>Esther Soffer-Roberts will look at the Phys Ed curriculum and formulate a list of questions to ask the gym teachers of each elementary school. Sara Anderson and Lisa Bovee will assist and arrange interviews with each Phys Ed teacher.</i></p>
OLD BUSINESS	<p><b>Educational Playcare:</b> Kathleen Krider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should MAC submit a letter to the Director of Planning regarding parking spaces and water usage?</li> <li>• It was stated that MAC is the Town Committee asked to give advice to the whole town, so its purpose would be to give advice to the Town and to Planning and Zoning.</li> <li>• Ms. Soffer-Roberts made a motion that MAC would read the draft letter. Ms Williams seconded the motion. It was clarified that the letter would be forwarded to the Director of Planning if the majority of members present at today’s meeting approved of the content of the letter.</li> </ul>	
NEW BUSINESS	<p><b>Dates for MAC Meetings in 2014:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The calendar for 2014 MAC meeting dates was discussed. Because the first Wednesday in January is a holiday, the January meeting was moved to the second <b>Wednesday</b> of the month, January 8. A different space will need to be procured for the January meeting.</li> </ul>	

	<p><b>Development of Executive Council:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was decided that the By-laws should be examined and possibly revised. This discussion was tabled to the next meeting.</li> <li>• The concept of the Teams has evolved as members left and were not replaced.</li> </ul> <p><b>Overview of Data:</b> Jill Coghlan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Coghlan submitted written documentation concerning the data in the Mansfield Plan for Young Children.</li> <li>• She asked questions about tracking of data for physical fitness and BMI.</li> <li>• She also mentioned that a MAC member should take responsibility for each strategy.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Sarah Delia will send the existing by-laws to members to review.</i></p>
PARKING LOT	1. Transportation	
ADJOURN	<p>The meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.</p> <p>Next MAC Meeting, <b>Wednesday, December 4, 2013, 5:30pm – 7:30pm</b> at Town Hall, Council Chambers.</p> <p>Agenda topics: Please send to Kathleen at <a href="mailto:kriderk@mansfieldct.org">kriderk@mansfieldct.org</a></p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Sarah Delia Assistant to the Early Childhood Services Coordinator</p>	

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